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## Paragraph Unity

A paragraph is about ONE MAIN IDEA

Here is our structure for an academic paragraph:

1. Topic sentence/make your claim
2. Explain topic sentence/give the reason you believe your claim is true
3. Give evidence/always use a quote when possible
4. Explain how your evidence proves your claim
5. Conclusion/restate your claim, summarize your reason and evidence

### Rubric for Analyzing an Academic Paragraph

YES	NO	1. Is there a topic sentence?
YES	NO	2. Is there a reason provided to support the claim?
YES	NO	3. Is evidence provided? (preferably a quote)
YES	NO	4. Is there an explanation of how the evidence proves the claim?
YES	NO	5. Is there a concluding sentence restating the claim?
YES	NO	6. Is the paragraph about one main idea?

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Use the rubric to analyze this paragraph:

In \_\_\_\_\_ by Katherine Marsh, Euri wants Jack to die so he can stay with her in the Underworld. She takes him to several places where he could die. For example, on page 36, Jack thinks he is going to be run over by a train. "Scrunching up his eyes, he waited for the locomotive to crush his body. I'm a fool, he thought, and now I'm going to die." They find out that Jack's mother has not moved on. Euri led Jack to the track where the train nearly hit him, so she must want him to die. Since Euri lives in the Underworld, she wants Jack to be dead so that he can live with her there.

What is wrong with this paragraph?

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How can we fix it?

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Use the rubric to analyze this paragraph:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a book that likes to create a mystery and Euri is a character who is very mysterious. She is mysterious because she introduces Jack to places and people that are strange or unexplainable. Euri does not want to tell Jack about how she died. Ruby asked Euri how she died and she said it was an, "'Accident.' . . . Ruby chuckled. 'Is Death ever not? Care to specify?' Euri shifted in her seat. 'Not really.'" (p. 122) Euri does not reveal how she died, so she is mysterious. One way that Katherine Marsh creates mystery is by having Euri keep secrets.

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